[Mr. C. K. Sankara Pillai.]

(*b*) whether any representations have been made to the Government for widening and deepening this thodu ;

(*c*) whether any action has been taken to improve it ; and

(*d*) if not, the reasons for the same ?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) and (*d*) An estimate has been prepared. Further steps could be taken only after ascertaining the willingness of the ryots to pay cess.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI (*Mavelikara* cum *Kunnathur*): May I know when the estimate was prepared ?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: In 1939.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: Was any step taken to ascertain the willingness of the ryots ?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: Yes, through the Revenue Department.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: What is the result of the investigation ?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: The result is not yet known.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: May I know whether it is the policy of Government to ascertain the willingness of ryots in the matter of constructing irrigation canals ?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: Yes. The delay is due to the fault of the ryots.

MR. C. K. SANKARA PILLAI: May I know whether there is already an existing thodu which can be used as a navigation canal ?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: A portion is existing as a navigation canal.

Culvert on the Vizhinjam-Poovar Road.

237. ***MR. J. T. MORAES** (*Neyyattinkara* cum *Trivandrum*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they are aware that a culvert constructed on the Vizhinjam-Poovar Road near the place called Chappathu (ചപ്പാത്ത്) has sunk down and the stream is flowing over the road obstructing traffic ; and

(*b*) if so, how long it is since the culvert has sunk down ?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: (*a*) No.

(*b*) Does not arise in view of answer to part (*a*).

Bridge at Vettikal Market.

238. ***MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI:** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the present condition of the bridge at Vettikal Market in Vaipur Pakuthi, Tiruvalla taluk ;

(*b*) the period during which there has been no bridge at the above place ; and

(*c*) the reason for the delay in constructing the above bridge ?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: (*a*) Not very good being a temporary structure.

LIBRARY ARCHIVES Kerala Legislative Assembly

(*b*) Till 1104 when the foot bridge was first constructed.

(*c*) The question of constructing a permanent bridge was considered after the floods of 1115 and the work was approved by the P. W. D. Advisory Committee. The necessary investigation has been conducted and an estimate is under preparation.

Bridge over the Killiar.

239. *MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara* cum *Trivandrum*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware that the bridge over the Killiar at Maruthankuzhi is very ancient and is not in a safe condition?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: The bridge at Maruthankuzhi is ancient and it is in safe condition now.

Cherupalam Bridge.

240. *MR. E. K. MADHAVAN (*Kunnatnad* cum *Parur*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have decided to demolish the Cherupalam Bridge in the Parur-Kuriapilly Road and construct a cartable bridge instead?

MR I. C. CHACKO: No, not until the traffic develops.

Chatthiyara Bridge.

241. *MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state why the work of repairing Chatthiyara Bridge near Thamarakulam, Mavelikara taluk, on the road from Thamarakulam to Oachira is being delayed?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: The work of the bridge will be taken up on the completion of improvements to the road.

Bridge at Puthiakavu.

242. *MR. R. MADHAVAN NAIR (*Karunagapalli* cum *Kartikapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether there is any proposal to put up a bridge at Puthiakavu on the Puthiakavu-Chakkuvally road in the Karunagapalli taluk?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: Yes.

MR. R. MADHAVAN NAIR: ആ പാലത്തിന്റെ എസ്റ്റിമേറ്റ് തയാറാക്കിയിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: ഇപ്പോൾ തയാറാക്കുന്നുണ്ട്.

MR. R. MADHAVAN NAIR: ഈ തുണ്ടിൽതന്നെ അതിന്റെ പണി തുടങ്ങിക്കുമെന്നു പ്രതീക്ഷിക്കാമോ?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: വിചാരിക്കാൻ ന്യായമില്ല.

Vallichel Temporary Bridge.

243. *MR. C. K. SANKARA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

LIBRARY ARCHIVES Kerala Legislative Assembly